

usage by eligible individuals participating in the pilot program; or

(B) does not use a program of the Department of Veterans Affairs or platforms and frameworks described in subsection (e)(1), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall take such actions as may be necessary to develop or procure programs, platforms, and frameworks necessary to carry out the requirements of subsection (c) and accommodate the usage by eligible individuals participating in the pilot program.

(2) ACTIONS.—Actions described in paragraph (1) may include providing additional funding, staff, or other resources to—

(A) provide administrative support for basic functions of the pilot program;

(B) ensure the success and ongoing engagement of eligible individuals participating in the pilot program;

(C) connect graduates of the pilot program to job opportunities within the Federal Government; and

(D) allocate dedicated positions for term employment to enable Federal work-based learning opportunities and programs for participants to gain the experience necessary to pursue permanent Federal employment.

SA 2076. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1835 submitted by Ms. HASSAN and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 1502 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be added, add the following:

SECTION 3219L. ACTION PLAN AND REPORT ON OUTCOMES OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(B) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

(D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;

(E) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

(F) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

(2) WHA.—The term “WHA” means the World Health Assembly.

(b) REPORT ON OFFICE OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING COVID-19 PANDEMIC.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes—

(1) a summary of planned interagency and global health efforts that the Office of Global Affairs intends to take in its work with international institutions, including the World Health Organization and its member states, in response to lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic;

(2) a description of the actions taken by the Office of Global Affairs as part of the

COVID-19 pandemic response that could address future public health emergencies of international concern;

(3) an assessment of engagements with the People's Republic of China regarding COVID-19, both bilaterally and through international institutions; and

(4) how the lessons learned from the assessment described in paragraph (3) could be applied to future scenarios to address public health emergencies of international concern.

(c) ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY.—Not later than 180 days after the closing session of each annual WHA, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, the Secretary of State, and the heads of other relevant executive departments, shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress that describes—

(1) the strategy of the United States Government for addressing national security and public health risks related to COVID-19 and emerging infectious diseases through diplomatic engagements;

(2) the actions taken by the United States Government during such annual WHA; and

(3) how the results of such actions advance the goals of the United States Government.

(d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (c) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

SA 2077. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1502 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 3138.

SA 2078. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1502 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of division F, insert the following:

TITLE —STEM RESEARCH GAINS

SEC. —01. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Strengthening the STEM Research Workforce to Generate American Infrastructure for National Security Act of 2021” or the “STEM Research GAINS Act of 2021”.

SEC. —02. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) COVERED FIELD.—The term “covered field” means a field in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics research or development that is determined to be—

(A) a subject area relating to the national security of the United States;

(B) a subject area relating to the United States’ ability to compete in an open, fair, and competitive international market and achieve economic growth; or

(C) a subject area that is in need of expanded and strengthened academic pipelines to ensure a diverse workforce.

(2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means the Director of the National Science Foundation.

(3) FEDERAL SCIENCE AGENCY.—The term “Federal science agency” has the meaning given the term in section 103(f) of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. 6623(f)).

(4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term “institution of higher education” means an institution of higher education described in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

(5) MINORITY.—The term “minority” has the meaning given the term in section 356(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067k(2)).

(6) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The term “minority-serving institution” means—

(A) a part B institution (as defined in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061));

(B) a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in section 502 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1101a));

(C) a Tribal College or University (as defined in section 316 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1059c));

(D) an Alaska Native-serving institution (as defined in section 317(b) of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1059d(b)));

(E) a Native Hawaiian-serving institution (as defined in section 317(b) of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1059d(b)));

(F) a Predominantly Black Institution (as defined in section 318 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1059e));

(G) an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution (as defined in section 320(b) of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1059g(b))); or

(H) a Native American-serving, nontribal institution (as defined in section 319 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1059f)).

(7) STEM.—The term “STEM” means science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, including computer science.

(8) UNDERREPRESENTED FIELD.—The term “underrepresented field” means a field in STEM in which the national rate of representation of women among tenured, tenure-track faculty, or nonfaculty researchers at doctorate-granting institutions of higher education is less than 25 percent, according to the most recent data available from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics.

(9) UNDERREPRESENTED IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.—The term “underrepresented in science and engineering” means a minority group whose number of scientists and engineers, per 10,000 population of that group, is substantially below the comparable figure for scientists and engineers who are white and not of Hispanic origin, as determined by the Secretary of Education under section 637.4(b) of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, or similar successor regulations.

Subtitle A—Expanding Pipeline Programs to Research Opportunities

SEC. —11. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AREAS CRITICAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

(a) COVERED FIELDS.—The National Security Council shall conduct a study to identify areas for research and development that are covered fields.

(b) UPDATE.—Not less than once every 5 years, the National Security Council shall reassess the covered fields.